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Mr. Bernhard Bechhoefer (right) and his son William look at one of the latter's "designs in light" at a preview showing and reception at

the Corcoran Gallery of Art last night. With them is Mrs. Sidney Zlotnick, wife of the president of the Friends of the Corcoran.

Two Previews of New, Young Art

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Washington got a glimpse of two new and "young" art exhibitions at previews last evening.

One took place in the marbled halls of the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the other at the comparatively new Margaret Dickey Gallery of Art which is located in modest quarters on Pennsylvania avenue over an all-night laundromat.

The only points of similarity were in the youth and modern thinking in expression.

The show at the Corcoran which will be on exhibit through the 19th is "Design in Light" by William Bechhoefer.

Mr. Bechhoefer, 21, is a graduate of St. Albans School here. Last spring he was graduated cum laude from Harvard. He said last evening that he had taken courses in design at Harvard and that in his senior year there were no more to be taken, so with permission of the college he developed his own course and they supplied two professors.

Inidental Material

From this came "Design in Light" which involves technical color photographs using incidental materials such as fabrics and aluminum foil. It is the color and lighting effect that counts.

Mr. Bechhoefer is reportedly the youngest artist to ever hold a one-man show at the Corcoran. It was sponsored by the Friends of the Corcoran with the following comment in the program: "The work of William Bechhoefer is intended to evoke the forms and feelings of nature. The artist deals directly with light in a full range of colors. The materials used are incidental, and photography is simply the means to capture the composition."

In the words of the artist, "I expect the photograph to perform for me."

Among those at the champagne opening last evening were the artist's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Bechhoefer of Washington, who are members of the Friends of

the Corcoran.

Others were the president of the "Friends" and Mrs. Sidney Zlotnick, Mr. Milton King, Mrs. William P. MacCracken, Mrs. Ralph Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sacks (he did the actual printing of the color photographs), and former Korean Ambassador and Mrs. Yang.

Recall Marshal Tito

Former Ambassador and Mrs. Robert Amory, Jr., were there. The latter was saying how impressive Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito was when he reviewed the troops on the White House lawn. Even with a temperature of about 102, he stood erect, with the total

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command of a warrior. "And then, after Amory, Mr. Amory, after Amory there were years when we did fight shoulder to shoulder."

With the Amorys were their son Robert Amory, III, who was a classmate of Mr. Bechhoefer and a friend from Boston, Miss Anne Flynn.

Also there were Judge and Mrs. Edward A. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weiss of Chicago, Administrative Assistant to the President and Mrs. Mike Manatos and the Greek Minister and Mrs. Pierre Calogeras.

The showing at the Margaret Dickey Gallery of Art will continue through the 28th and features the works of five artists. The best known is Washington-wise Pedro Sanjuan, director of the Office for Special Representative Services in the State Department.

Mr. Sanjuan and his wife were on hand for the opening. She is the daughter of Assistant Secretary of State

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Pedro Sanjuan of the State Department's Special Representative Services Department and 11-year-old Alex Wertheim of Silver Spring look at one of Mr. Sanjuan's paintings on wood at a Margaret Dickey Gallery of Art preview exhibit last night. Star Staff Photos.

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and Mrs. Edwin Martin. Mr. Sanjuan, who has frequently illustrated his own articles in newspapers and magazines, said last evening that he thought one trouble with the modern artist is that "he doesn't go to the root of things."

Other Artists Present

The other artists included Brig. Gen. D. Ashari, who served in Washington as Military Attaché at the Indonesian Embassy in the late 50s and participated in an art show here organized by the Indonesian Student Association.

Mrs. Kathleen Bruskin,

who was on hand for the occasion, was also among the artists. Mrs. Bruskin has had one-man shows at the Collectors Gallery and the Artists Mart here.

Also there to see his works was Mr. Alexander Russo. Mr. Russo is currently on appointment at the Corcoran School of Art, has had numerous one-man shows since 1945 and has been included in exhibitions such as the Corcoran Biennial, the Pennsylvania Academy Annual and the Carnegie National.

Finally, there was Mrs. Anita Wertheim. She is a local artist whose work has been

exhibited at the Corcoran, the Smithsonian Institution, the Barnett Aden Gallery, B'nai B'rith and the Rockville Center. She has received awards for her work including the Evening Star Award and the Medal of the Society of Washington Artists.

Many friends of the artists were present and Mr. Sanjuan seemed the busiest greeting well-wishers.

From the White House were Maj. Gen. Chester Clifton, Military Aide to the President, and Mrs. Clifton, and Brig. Gen. Godfrey McHugh, Air Force Aide to the President.